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In re application of

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For: AQUEOUS ACIDIC IMMERSION PLATING SOLUTIONS AND METHODS FOR  
PLATING ON ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM ALLOYS

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 19 NOVEMBER 2007**

VIA EFS  
M/S AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is submitted as a complete reply to the Office action dated 19 November 2007, for which a three month time for response was provided. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed with a three-month extension of time, petition and fee for which are submitted herewith. In addition, Applicants submit an RCE and an IDS with one reference. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments, the following Remarks and the accompanying Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132.